

IN THE CLAIMS

A complete listing of all claims in this application is set forth below.

Claims 1-20 (canceled).

21. (Previously presented) An assembly, comprising:

 a resected natural humerus;

 a natural acromion;

 a glenoid surface; and

 a humeral prosthesis having (i) a prosthetic stem component secured within said resected natural humerus, and (ii) a prosthetic head component including a glenoid-bearing portion and an acromion-bearing portion,

 wherein, during abduction of said resected natural humerus, (i) said acromion-bearing portion contacts and bears directly against said natural acromion, and (ii) said glenoid-bearing portion contacts and bears directly against said glenoid surface.

22. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 21, wherein:
said resected natural humerus includes a medullary canal, and
said prosthetic stem component is secured within said medullary canal.

23. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 21, wherein
said glenoid-bearing portion and said acromion-bearing portion define an
outer bearing surface, and
said outer bearing surface extends in a medial/lateral direction across a
radial distance D, and (iii) $D > 190^\circ$.

24. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 21, wherein
said glenoid-bearing portion and said acromion-bearing portion define an
outer bearing surface, and
said outer bearing surface extends in a medial/lateral direction across a
radial distance D, and (iii) $D > 200^\circ$.

25. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 24, wherein D is about
220°.

26. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 21, wherein said
glenoid surface is a natural glenoid surface.

27. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 21, wherein said glenoid surface is a prosthetic glenoid surface.

28. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 21, wherein said acromion-bearing portion contacts and bears directly against an inferior surface of said natural acromion during abduction of said resected natural humerus.

29. (Previously presented) An assembly, comprising:

 a resected natural humerus;

 a natural acromion;

 a glenoid surface; and

 a humeral prosthesis having (i) a prosthetic stem component secured within said resected natural humerus, and (ii) a prosthetic head component including a glenoid-bearing portion and an acromion-bearing portion,

 wherein, during abduction of said resected natural humerus, (i) said acromion-bearing portion contacts and bears directly against at least a part of said natural acromion, and (ii) said glenoid-bearing portion contacts and bears directly against at least a part of said glenoid surface,

 wherein said glenoid-bearing portion and said acromion-bearing portion define an outer bearing surface, and

 wherein said outer bearing surface extends in a medial/lateral direction across a radial distance D, and (iii) $D > 190^\circ$.

30. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 29, wherein:
said resected natural humerus includes a medullary canal, and
said prosthetic stem component is secured within said medullary canal.

31. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 29, wherein $D > 200^\circ$.

32. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 31, wherein D is about
 220° .

33. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 29, wherein said
glenoid surface is a natural glenoid surface.

34. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 29, wherein said
glenoid surface is a prosthetic glenoid surface.

35. (Previously presented) The assembly of claim 29, wherein said
acromion-bearing portion contacts and bears directly against an inferior surface
of said natural acromion during abduction of said resected natural humerus.